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STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, August 23, 2006

The Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee (SIEC) met on Wednesday, August 23, 2006, at the Claiborne Building Conference Center, 1st Floor, 1-153 Iowa Room, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Committee Chair Michael Abbiatti called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. The roll was called by Ms. Diane Didier, Support Staff for the Committee, and a quorum was established.

Committee Members Present:

Rizwan Ahmed (Vice-Chair)

Chief Robert Black
Lt. Colonel Joseph Booth
Arnold Chauviere
Joe Drago
Chief Freddie Drennan
Sheriff Ricky Edwards
Matt Farlow
Richard Gremillion

Heywood Jeffers

Curry Johnson

Lt. Colonel Robert Morris
Camille Perry
Colonel Eric Sivula
Lt. Colonel Brian Spillman
Colonel Henry Whitehorn

Committee Members Absent:

Michael Abbiatti (Chair)

Representative Daniel Martiny

Pat Potier

Representing Agency:

Division of Administration &
Office of Information Technology
LA Fire Chief's Association
LA State Police
LA Public Service Commission
Dept. of Transportation/Development
Police Chief's Association
LA Sheriff's Association
GOHSEP
Regional Parish Homeland Security &
Emergency Preparedness Directors
Committee
LA Senate Select Committee on
Homeland Security
LA House of Representatives Special
Committee on LA Homeland Security
LA National Guard
LA State Senate Judiciary B Committee
Dept. of Public Safety/Corrections Services
Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
LA State Police

Representing Agency:

LA Broadband Advisory Council/
LA Board of Regents
LA House of Representatives Committee
On Administration of Criminal Justice
Dept. of Health & Hospitals

State/Parish Agency Representatives Present:

Clay Henry

Eric Deroche

Colonel Kenneth Hughes

Bob Wertz

Tommy Thiebaud

Region 4 Iberia OHSEP

Region 3 Assumption/St. James OHSEP

Region 1 Plaquemines OHSEP

LA Commission on Law Enforcement

Region 9 Washington OHSEP

Support Staff Present:

Diane Didier (LA Board of Regents)

Jennifer Lambert (Attorney General's Office)

Guest List
See Appendix

III. Approval of the Minutes of August 16, 2006

Mr. Rizwan Ahmed, Vice-Chair, asked for a motion to approve the August 16, 2006 minutes.

On motion of Mr. Eric Deroche, seconded by Lt. Colonel Brian Spillman, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of August 16, 2006.

IV. Special Presentations

Mr. Ahmed introduced Mr. Raj Iyer, Systems Engineering Manager, Government Enterprise Mobility Solutions for Motorola, Inc., Baton Rouge, LA. Mr. Iyer gave a presentation on the updated Louisiana Statewide Communications System. Mr. Iyer then answered questions asked by the Committee members regarding the Motorola Operations System.

Question was asked about the compatibility with other systems. Cisco representative, Mr. Darrell Monette, explained how the Cisco system would work with the Louisiana Statewide Communications System.

Sheriff Ricky Edwards inquired about the purchase of the radio system and surveys. Colonel Whitehorn and Lt. Colonel Joseph Booth gave an explanation of the first purchase order of radios.

After further discussion,

On motion of Colonel Henry Whitehorn, seconded by Sheriff Ricky Edwards, the Committee voted unanimously for State Police to provide information of the how they arrived at the numbers from first purchase of radios and the request to FEMA for purchase of radios and the denied request from FEMA.

Mr. Ahmed encouraged for the Committee members to move forward with the SIEC mission and to continue requesting survey responses.

Mr. Dick Gremillion asked about the need for more Assessment Survey responses. After further discussion, Colonel Whitehorn and Mr. Ahmed suggested to call a meeting of the executive committee to declare the SIEC as the emergency authority for interoperability for the State. Mr. Ahmed mentioned that the Policy and Procedures Sub-Committee should call the meeting, since this was a policy issue. After further discussion, Mr. Matt Farlow clarified the request of radios from FEMA assets.

Lt. Colonel Booth stated that he will give his presentation on re-banding at the next SIEC meeting.

In absence of Mr. Abbiatti, Chair for the Finance and Funding Sub-Committee and Ms. Susan Severance, Chair for the Policy and Procedures Sub-Committee, the Committee members broke out into one sub-committee meeting at 2:55 p.m.

V. Sub-Committee Progress Reports

The Committee members returned to full meeting at 3:35 p.m. Reports were given from the four (4) sub-committees.

Mr. Ahmed called the full meeting back to order. He then asked for the report from Chief Robert Black, Chair for the Technology Sub-Committee. Chief Black recommended that the SIEC should select a statewide mutual aid frequency channels for all frequency bands that are currently being used by first responders in the state. He also stated to establish protocols and standard operating procedures statewide for the use of the mutual aid channels and establish protocols and standard operating procedures for a communications command structure to be utilized during an event.

In absence of Mr. Abbiatti, Chair for the Finance and Funding Sub-Committee and Ms. Susan Severance, Chair for the Policy and Procedures Sub-Committee, no reports were given.

VI. Old Business

Mr. Ahmed asked for a report from the Gulf Coast Summit Planning Committee. Ms. Diane Didier reported that the Planning Committee needed assistance from the Committee members for recommendations for vendors and topics for the Gulf Coast Summit. Ms. Didier gave an explanation of the vendor/topic hand-out and it was recommended that the hand-out be sent on the SIEC listserv. She also reported that it was recommended by the grant provider that the Summit be held in Baton Rouge instead of New Orleans, depending on the dates available in Baton Rouge; there was discussion to have a registration Pre-Conference and Post-Conference Knowledge Assessment Survey and offer registration online; Ms. Daphne Levenson mentioned that Mr. Dan Hawkins from SEARCH, stated that the SIEC could receive support funds from SAFECOM for the Summit and that he would like to attend an SIEC meeting in the future; she also reported that we are the first in the country to have a multi-state nationwide effort with the Summit; there was also discussion to have buffet luncheons served in the same area as the vendors; and Ms. Didier mentioned that they scheduled the September Summit Planning Committee meetings for the month of September and would send the dates on the SIEC listserv.

VII. New Business

Mr. Ahmed presented a letter from the U.S. Coast Guard Sector of New Orleans requesting consideration to join the SIEC. Mr. Ahmed gave the letter to Lt. Colonel Joseph Booth for consideration at the next SIEC meeting.

Colonel Whitehorn addressed the funding issue of the SIEC. He suggested to invite General Hunt Downer/Mr. Leonard Kleinpeter from the Governor's Office to attend the next SIEC meeting to discuss funding for the SIEC, a Legislative packet, and suggested capital outlay for interoperability for the State.

Mr. Ahmed stated he will discuss with Mr. Abbiatti to hold a finance meeting to present a legislative packet to the Governor's Office. There was further discussion on receiving the remaining Assessment Surveys to come up with the amount of funding the SIEC needs to present to the Governor's Office/Legislative packet.

Chief Black mentioned that a firm will give a presentation about emergency response management network emergency services for the State of California at next week's meeting.

VIII. Public Comments

No public comments were made.

IX. Adjournment

In the absence of further business, Vice-Chair Mr. Ahmed adjourned the Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee meeting at 4:25 p.m.

**APPENDIX
GUEST LIST
August 23, 2006**

NAME

AFFILIATION

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Francis Hymel
Richard McDonald
Robert Hale
Lori Brannon
Darrell Monette
Anthony Summers
Sgt. Bobbie O'Bryan
Mitzi Hawn
Donald Milligan

DEQ
St. James OEP
Motorola
LSU Police
Brannon & Associates/Cisco Systems
Cisco Systems
West Baton Rouge OHSEP/9-1-1
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